

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL  
NETWORK and NORTH COAST  
RIVER ALLIANCE,

and

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE  
COUNCIL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE, et al.,

Defendants

and

TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE  
PIPELINE and TRANSCANADA  
CORPORATION,

Defendant-Intervenors.

**CV-17-29-GF-BMM**

**CV-17-31-GF-BMM**

**ORDER**

The Court ordered that each party file a statement of position for the Court's review regarding the consolidation of *Indigenous Environmental Network, et al v. United States Department of State, et al* (4:17-cv-00029-BMM) and *Northern Plains Resource Council, et al v. Shannon, et al* (4:17-cv-00031-BMM) on August

29, 2017. The Court has reviewed the parties' statements of position and hereby enters the following order:

1. *Northern Plains Resource Council et al v. Shannon et al*, No. CV 17-31 (D. Mont., filed March 30, 2017) is hereby consolidated with this action, No. CV 17-29-BMM (D. Mont., filed March 27, 2017), for the limited purposes of briefing and scheduling, with this action designated as the lead case.
2. Plaintiffs in CV 17-29-BMM and Plaintiffs in CV 17-31-BMM will each retain the right to file separate briefs and will be permitted separate time for argument at any hearings. Likewise, Federal Defendants and Defendant-Intervenors will each be permitted to file separate briefs and will be permitted separate time for arguments.
3. A separate judgment will be entered in each suit.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.



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Brian Morris  
United States District Court Judge